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ONLY THESE SMALL-SIZED PEOPLE OF RANN CAN HELP MY OWN PEOPLE ESCAPE THE TERRIBLE FATE THAT AWAITS THEM!

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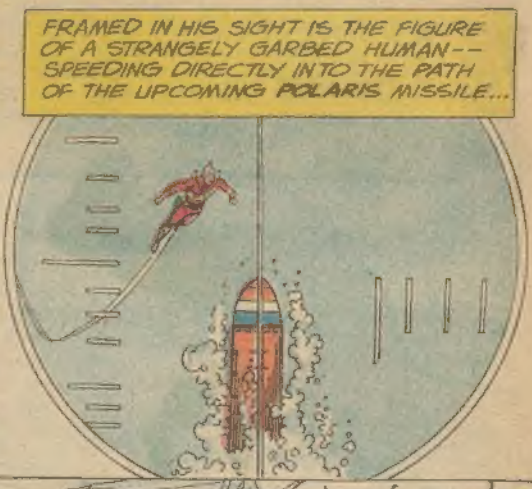
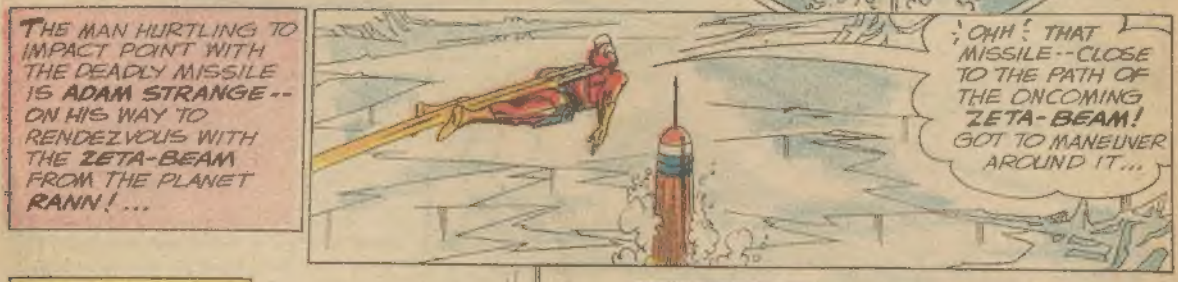
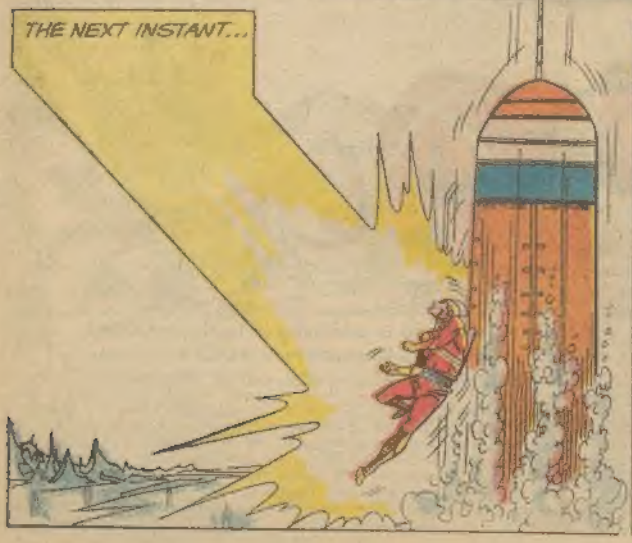
AS A NUCLEAR SUBMARINE CRUNCHES A PATH UP THROUGH THE ANTARCTIC ICE-PACK, A CALL RESOUNDS INSIDE IT...
BATTLE STATIONS, MISSILES!

ITS COMMANDER STANDS AT THE PERISCOPE AS HIS UNDERSEAS CRAFT STEADIES FOR THE MISSILES-AWAY CALL! THEN...
GOOD GOSH! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!


FRAMED IN HIS SIGHT IS THE FIGURE OF A STRANGELY GARBED HUMAN--SPEEDING DIRECTLY INTO THE PATH OF THE UPCOMING POLARIS MISSILE...

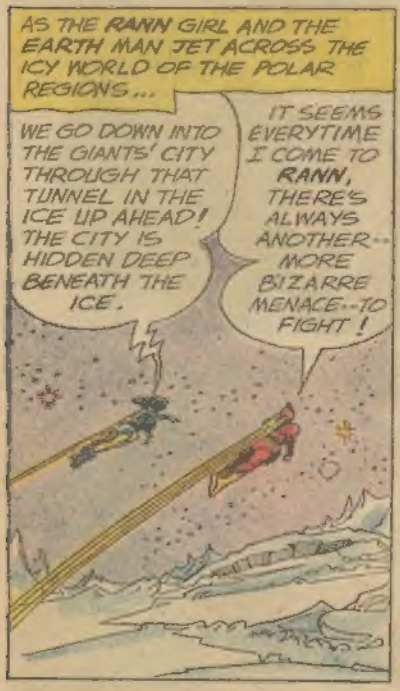

THE MAN HURTLING TO IMPACT POINT WITH THE DEADLY MISSILE IS ADAM STRANGE--ON HIS WAY TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE ZETA-BEAM FROM THE PLANET RANN!...
OHH! THAT MISSILE--CLOSE TO THE PATH OF THE ONCOMING ZETA-BEAM! GOT TO MANEUVER AROUND IT...


THE NEXT INSTANT...

AND WHEN ADAM OPENS HIS EYES...
SURROUNDED BY ICE?! WHERE ON EARTH--OR RANN--AM I?

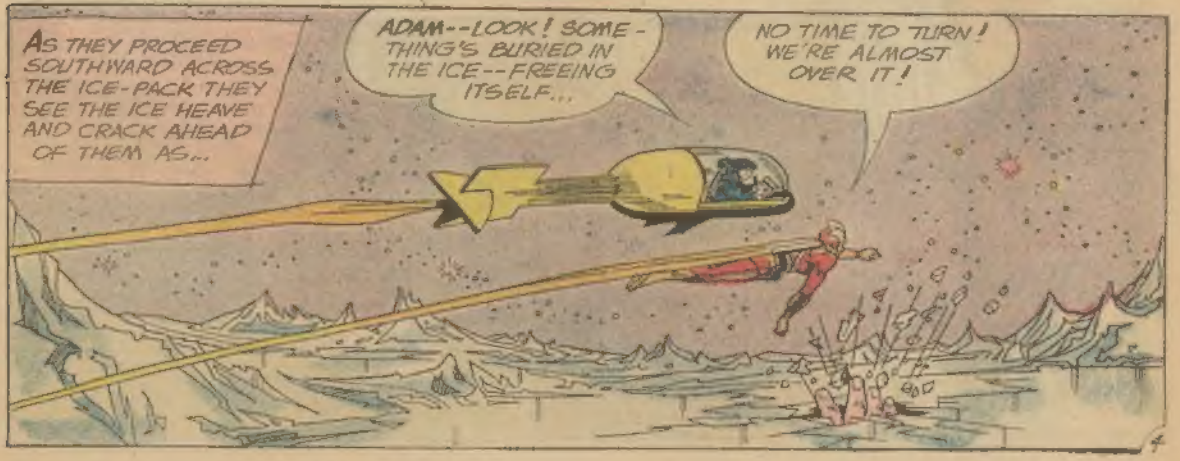
FROM ABOVE, A FAMILIAR VOICE CALLS DOWN TO HIM...
ADAM, I'M UP HERE! I HAD TO MELT AWAY THE ICE SO YOU WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT INSIDE IT WHEN YOU LANDED ON RANN!
A MOMENT LATER THE EARTHMAN JETS UPWARD TOWARD HIS INTERPLANETARY SWEETHEART, ALANNA OF RANAGAR...
DON'T TELL ME I LANDED AT RANN'S NORTH POLE!
JUST ABOUT, ADAM! YOUR USUAL LANDING PLACE-- NEAR RANAGAR-- IS SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES FROM HERE!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I ALWAYS LAND IN THE VICINITY OF RANAGAR! HOW COULD I HAVE LANDED SO FAR OFF COURSE?
IT MUST BE ANOTHER OF THOSE MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE YESTERDAY! AT THAT TIME, EVERYTHING WAS NORMAL...
"I WAS WORKING ON A SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT IN MY LABORATORY..."
"WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, I WAS NO LONGER IN THE LAB, BUT IN A CITY THAT LOOKED AS IF HAD BEEN BUILT FOR GIANTS!"
OHHH! HOW DID I GET HERE?

"I FOUND OUT SOON ENOUGH THAT EVERYONE IN RANAGAR HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE GIANTS' CITY IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE!...
WE MUST GATHER AT ONCE AND PLAN A RETURN TO RANAGAR! FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED--
FORTUNATELY, ADAM IS DUE WITHIN THE HOUR, FATHER! I'LL MEET HIM-- ALERT HIM TO OUR NEW DANGER!

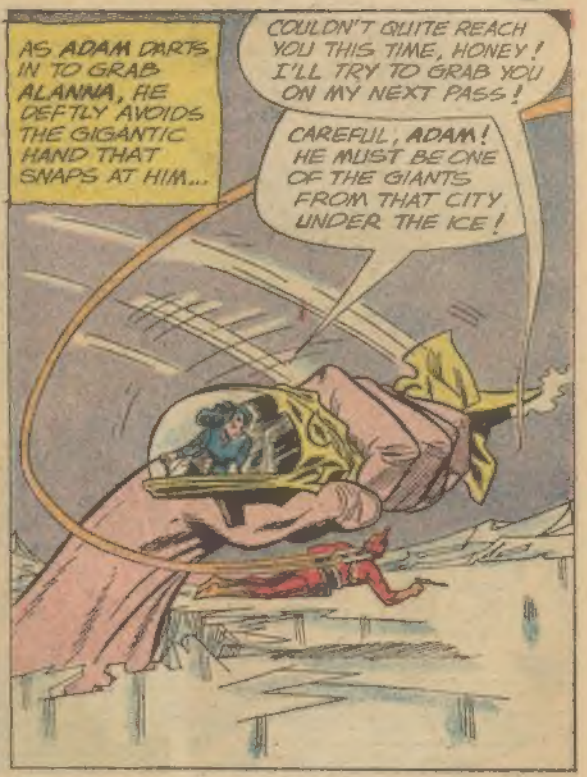

AS THE RANN GIRL AND THE EARTH MAN JET ACROSS THE ICY WORLD OF THE POLAR REGIONS...
WE GO DOWN INTO THE GIANTS' CITY THROUGH THAT TUNNEL IN THE ICE UP AHEAD! THE CITY IS HIDDEN DEEP BENEATH THE ICE.
IT SEEMS EVERYTIME I COME TO RANN, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER-- MORE BIZARRE MENACE--TO FIGHT!

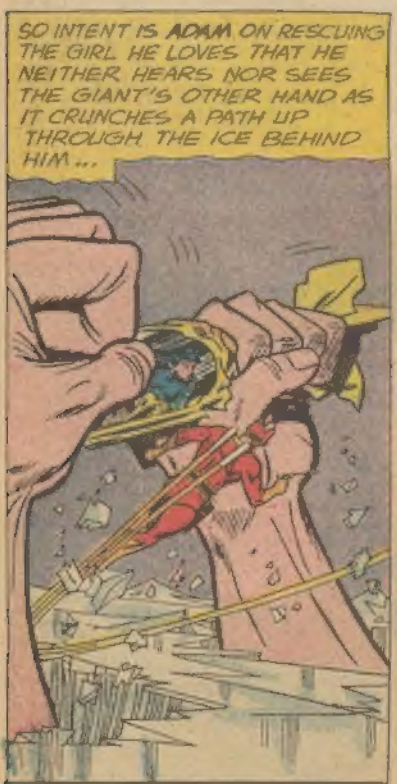
INSIDE THE UNDERWORLD CITY...
THAT'S WHY FATE SINGLED YOU OUT TO COME TO US! YOU'RE OUR CHAMPION, DARLING!

SOON, IN A FLIER FILLED WITH SCIENTIFIC DEVICES THEY MAY NEED, ALANNA TAKES OFF IN A SMALL FLIER WITH ADAM CLOSE TO HER...
NOW TO INVESTIGATE AND SEE IF RANAGAR IS STILL AS SHE LEFT IT!


AS THEY PROCEED SOUTHWARD ACROSS THE ICE-PACK THEY SEE THE ICE HEAVE AND CRACK AHEAD OF THEM AS...
ADAM--LOOK! SOMETHING'S BURIED IN THE ICE--FREEING ITSELF...
NO TIME TO TURN! WE'RE ALMOST OVER IT!

A GIGANTIC HAND STABS UPWARD--FINGERS CLOSING CONVULSIVELY ABOUT ALANNA'S FLIER--CRUSHING IT...
THE SKIN OF THAT GIANT IS SO TOUGH, MY RAY-GUN BLASTS DON'T EVEN STING IT!


AS ADAM DARTS IN TO GRAB ALANNA, HE DEFTLY AVOIDS THE GIGANTIC HAND THAT SNAPS AT HIM...
COULDN'T QUITE REACH YOU THIS TIME, HONEY! I'LL TRY TO GRAB YOU ON MY NEXT PASS!
CAREFUL, ADAM! HE MUST BE ONE OF THE GIANTS FROM THAT CITY UNDER THE ICE!

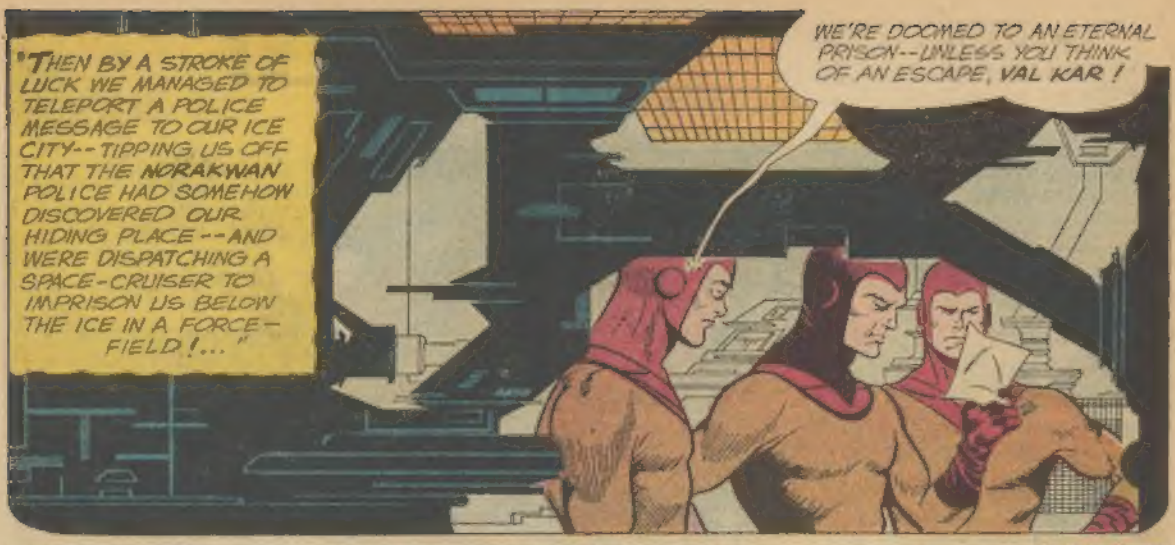

SO INTENT IS ADAM ON RESCUING THE GIRL HE LOVES THAT HE NEITHER HEARS NOR SEES THE GIANT'S OTHER HAND AS IT CRUNCHES A PATH UP THROUGH THE ICE BEHIND HIM...

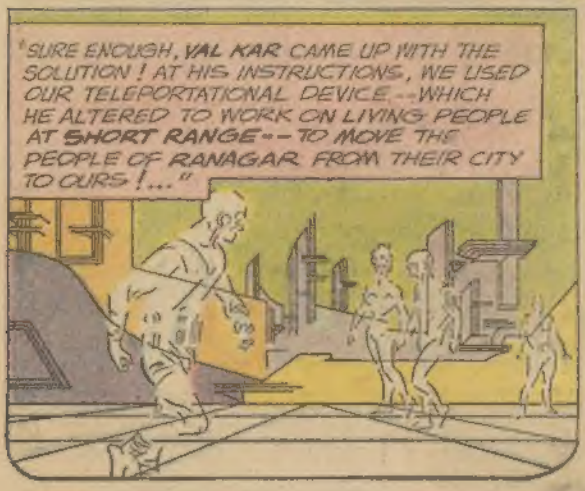
...UNTIL THE OTHER HAND SLAPS HARD AT HIM, SENDING HIM FLYING SENSELESS THROUGH THE AIR...
OHH, ADAM--NO!

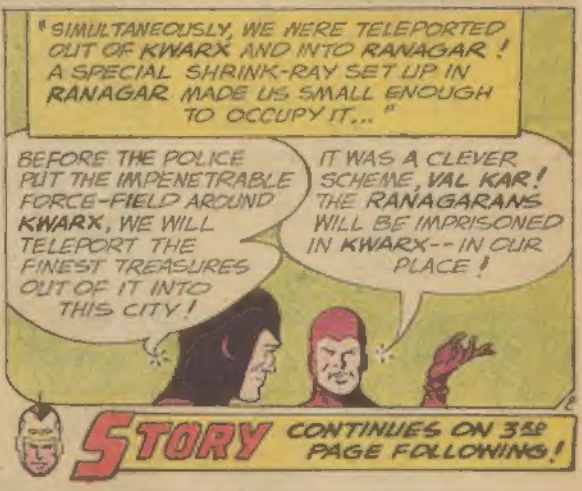
WHEN HE RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS, HE FINDS HIMSELF--AND ALANNA--PRISONERS IN A PLASTIC BAG, DANGLING FROM THE GIANT'S BELT...
IT'S RANAGAR UP AHEAD!
WHY IS HE BRINGING US HERE? WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH US?

THEN--AS THE GIANT ENTERS THE CITY...
ARE MY EYES PLAYING TRICKS OR--IS THE GIANT GETTING SMALLER?
YES! AS SOON AS HE ENTERED THE CITY HE BEGAN TO SHRINK!
WITHIN MOMENTS THE "GIANT" IS DOWN TO ADAM'S SIZE AND...
WE CAN TEST THESE PEOPLE NOW--LEARN WHY THEY DIDN'T GROW TO THE SIZE OF GIANTS WHEN WE TELEPORTED THEM TO OUR ICE CITY OF KWARX!
BY EAVESDROPPING ON THE TELEPATHIC COMMUNICATION OF THE ALIENS, THE TWO PRISONERS PIECE TOGETHER WHAT HAS HAPPENED...
EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN--EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE SIZE-CHANGING FACTOR! AND UNLESS WE DISCOVER HOW TO TURN THE RANAGARANS INTO GIANTS--OUR ENTIRE PLAN WILL FAIL!
"A YEAR AGO WE NORGANS LIVED ON THE DISTANT PLANET NORAKWAN. OUR PLATEAU CITY--KWARX--WAS A CRIMINAL HAVEN FROM WHICH WE PREYED ON THE REST OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM..."
"WE DESPAIRED WHEN WE LEARNED THE SOLAR POLICE WERE PLANNING TO INVADE KWARX AND IMPRISON US FOR LIFE--BUT WE SAW A WAY OUT WHEN OUR LEADER, VAL KAR, MADE A REMARKABLE DISCOVERY..."
THIS TELEPORTATIONAL MACHINE WILL WORK ON INANIMATE MATTER AT GREAT DISTANCES! IT GIVES ME AN IDEA OF HOW WE CAN CONTINUE OUR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES--IN PERFECT SAFETY!

"SOON, IN UTTER SECRECY, WE ROCKETED AWAY FROM NORAKWAN..."
OUR FIRST TASK IS TO FIND A HIDDEN PLACE ON ANOTHER WORLD TO WHICH WE CAN TELEPORT OUR CITY OF KWARX WITH EVERYTHING IN IT THAT WE'LL NEED!
"AND SO--ON RANN BENEATH ITS POLAR ICE CAP WE FOUND A GREAT NATURAL CAVERN..."
THIS ICE-LOCKED CAVE IS SO VAST--IT WILL CONCEAL OUR CITY OF KWARX!
"SETTING UP HIS TELEPORTATIONAL DEVICE, VAL KAR SHIFTED OUR ENTIRE CITY OF KWARX--BRINGING IT TO RANN AND INTO THE HUGE ICE CAVERN WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT..."
"THERE WE HAVE LIVED EVER SINCE--USING VAL KAR'S REMARKABLE INVENTION TO TELEPORT-STEAL FOR US THE TREASURES OF OUR SOLAR WORLDS..."
"RARE METALS--GEMS OF RARE BEAUTY--ART MASTERPIECES--ALL HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY INTO OUR TREASURE VAULTS..."
HIDDEN UNDER THIS POLAR ICE, NO ONE ON RANN OR ON NORAKWAN WILL EVER FIND US! IT IS THE PERFECT HIDEOUT!
"FOR THE MANY MONTHS WE HAD BEEN ON RANN--THE POLICE OF OUR FORMER WORLD WERE HELPLESS AS TREASURE AFTER TREASURE VANISHED FROM BEFORE THEIR EYES..."
THERE GOES ANOTHER OF OUR TREASURES--VANISHING INTO NOTHINGNESS!
IS THERE NO WAY TO STOP THE INVISIBLE THIEVES?


"THEN BY A STROKE OF LUCK WE MANAGED TO TELEPORT A POLICE MESSAGE TO OUR ICE CITY--TIPPING US OFF THAT THE NORAKWAN POLICE HAD SOMEHOW DISCOVERED OUR HIDING PLACE--AND WERE DISPATCHING A SPACE-CRUISER TO IMPRISON US BELOW THE ICE IN A FORCE-FIELD!..."
WE'RE DOOMED TO AN ETERNAL PRISON--UNLESS YOU THINK OF AN ESCAPE, VAL KAR!


"SURE ENOUGH, VAL KAR CAME UP WITH THE SOLUTION! AT HIS INSTRUCTIONS, WE USED OUR TELEPORTATIONAL DEVICE--WHICH HE ALTERED TO WORK ON LIVING PEOPLE AT SHORT RANGE--TO MOVE THE PEOPLE OF RANAGAR FROM THEIR CITY TO OURS!..."


"SIMULTANEOUSLY, WE WERE TELEPORTED OUT OF KWARX AND INTO RANAGAR! A SPECIAL SHRINK-RAY SET UP IN RANAGAR MADE US SMALL ENOUGH TO OCCUPY IT..."
BEFORE THE POLICE PUT THE IMPENETRABLE FORCE-FIELD AROUND KWARX, WE WILL TELEPORT THE FINEST TREASURES OUT OF IT INTO THIS CITY!
IT WAS A CLEVER SCHEME, VAL KAR! THE RANAGARANS WILL BE IMPRISONED IN KWARX--IN OUR PLACE!
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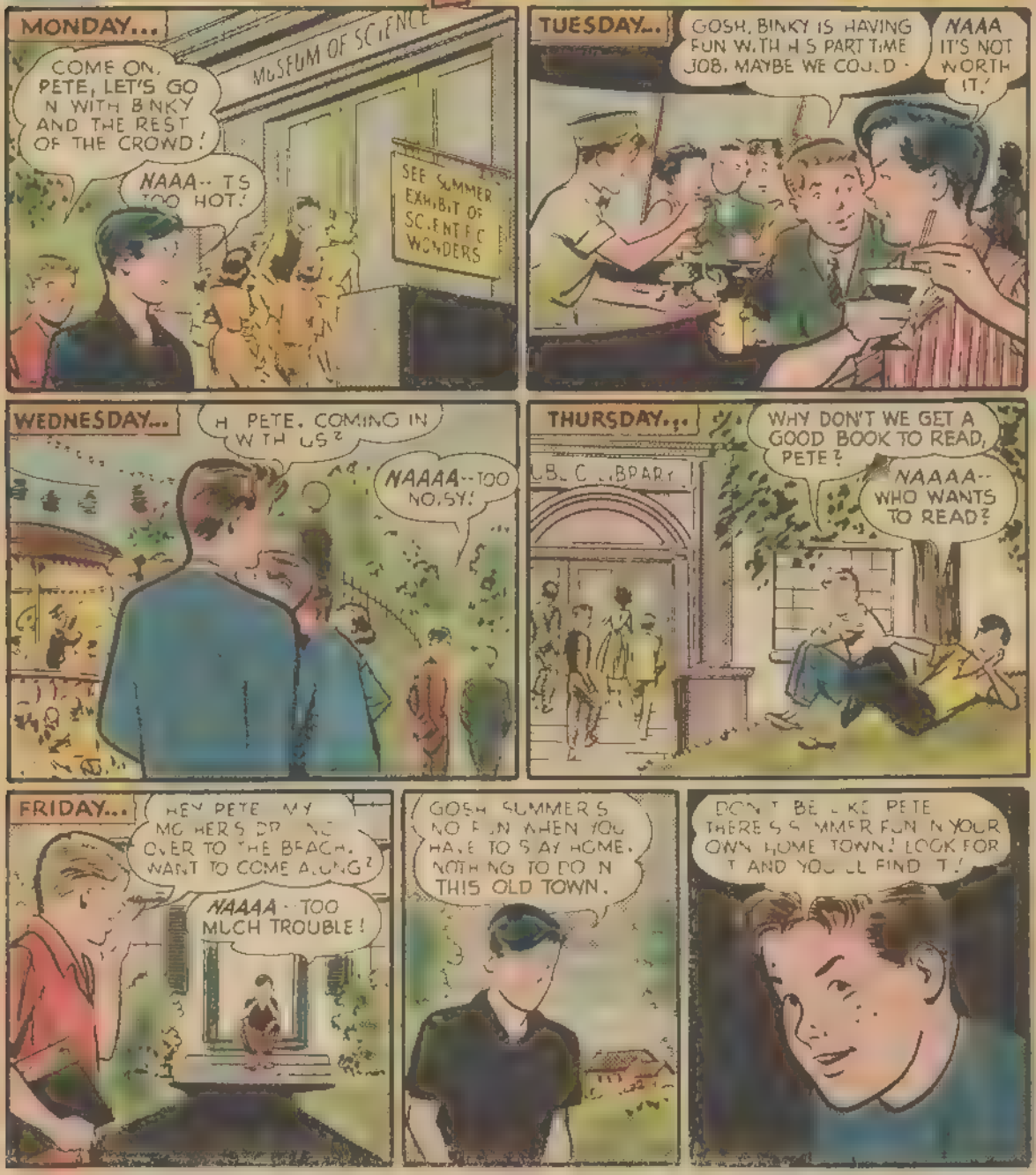
MONDAY...
COME ON, PETE, LET'S GO IN WITH BINKY AND THE REST OF THE CROWD!
NAAA-- IT'S TOO HOT!
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE
SEE SUMMER EXHIBIT OF SCIENTIFIC WONDERS
TUESDAY...
GOSH, BINKY IS HAVING FUN WITH HIS PART TIME JOB. MAYBE WE COULD -
NAAA IT'S NOT WORTH IT.
WEDNESDAY...
HI PETE. COMING IN WITH US?
NAAAA--TOO NOISY!
THURSDAY...
WHY DON'T WE GET A GOOD BOOK TO READ, PETE?
NAAAA-- WHO WANTS TO READ?
FRIDAY...
HEY PETE MY MOTHER'S DRIVING OVER TO THE BEACH. WANT TO COME ALONG?
NAAAA - TOO MUCH TROUBLE!
GOSH SUMMER'S NO FUN WHEN YOU HAVE TO STAY HOME. NOTHING TO DO IN THIS OLD TOWN.
DON'T BE LIKE PETE THERE'S SUMMER FUN IN YOUR OWN HOME TOWN! LOOK FOR IT AND YOU'LL FIND IT!

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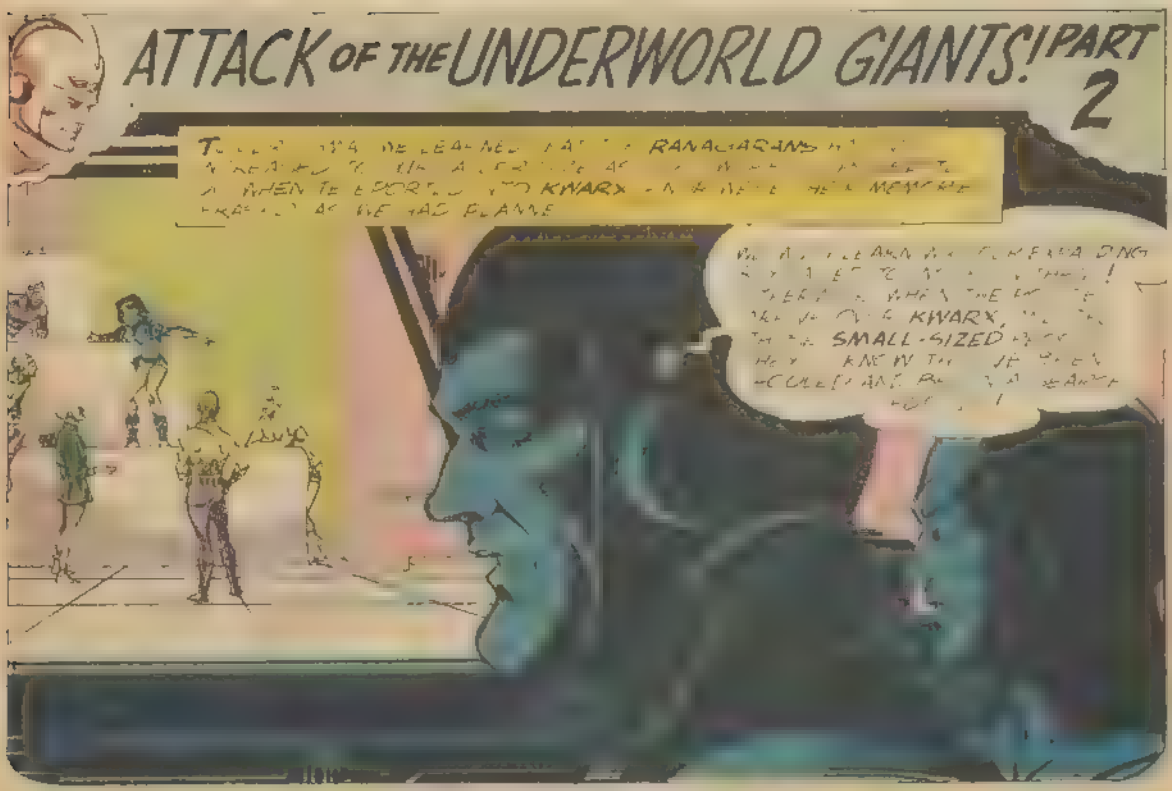
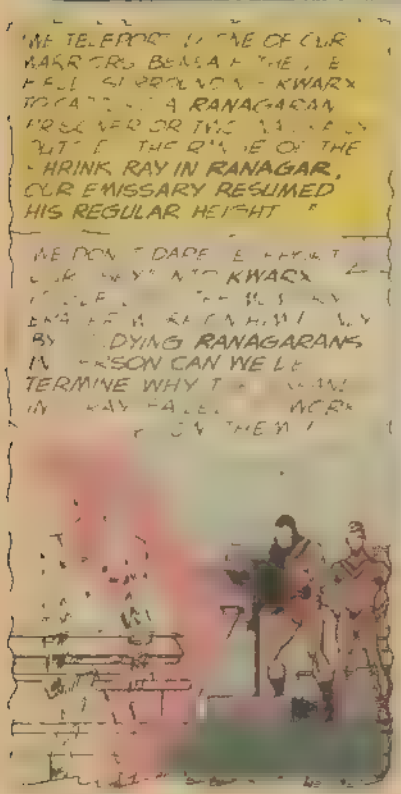
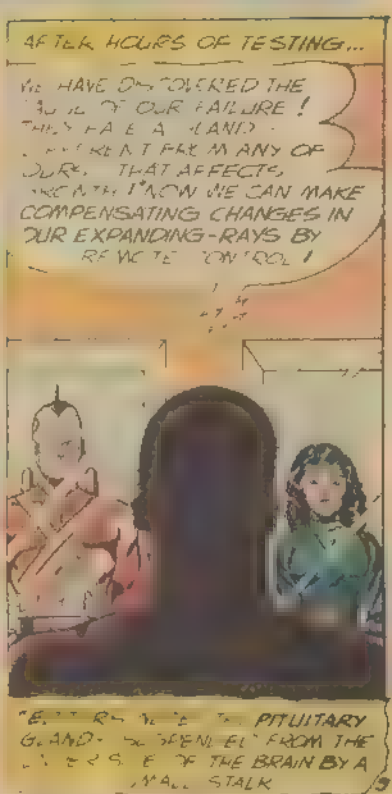





AFTER HOURS OF TESTING...
WE HAVE DISCOVERED THE CAUSE OF OUR FAILURE! THEY HAVE A GLAND - A PITUITARY GLAND - WHICH IS MISSING FROM ALL OF OUR MEN! THAT AFFECTS GROWTH! NOW WE CAN MAKE COMPENSATING CHANGES IN OUR EXPANDING-RAYS BY REMOTE CONTROL!
THEIR PITUITARY GLAND IS SITUATED FROM THE UNDERSIDE OF THE BRAIN BY A SMALL STALK

SOON, ADAM AND ALANNA ARE HERDED TOWARD THE TELEPORTATIONAL DEVICE...

WE WILL TELEPORT YOU TO THE ICE-CITY TO TAKE YOUR PLACE WITH YOUR PEOPLE. WHEN YOU AND THE OTHERS BECOME GIANTS -- YOU WILL ALSO LOSE YOUR MEMORY OF WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND WILL BE UNABLE TO ESCAPE!

AS THE TELEPATHIC "VOICE" FADES FROM THEIR MINDS THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN THE ICE-BOUND CITY OF KWARX...

ADAM -- WHAT'S THAT GLOW?

PROBABLY THE EXPANDING-RAY STARTING TO OPERATE!

OHHH - M[illegible]

WE HAVEN'T BEEN AFFECTED!

IT MUST BE BECAUSE WE ABSORBED ENOUGH OF THE SHRINK-RAY WHILE WE WERE IN RANAGAR TO OFFSET THE EXPANDING-RAY!

NO TELLING HOW LONG BEFORE WE TURN TO GIANTS -- AND LOSE OUR MEMORIES!

WHEN THE NORAKWAN POLICE SHIP COMES IT'LL THINK YOUR PEOPLE ARE THE CRIMINALS -- AND WILL IMPRISON THEM IN A FORCE-FIELD!

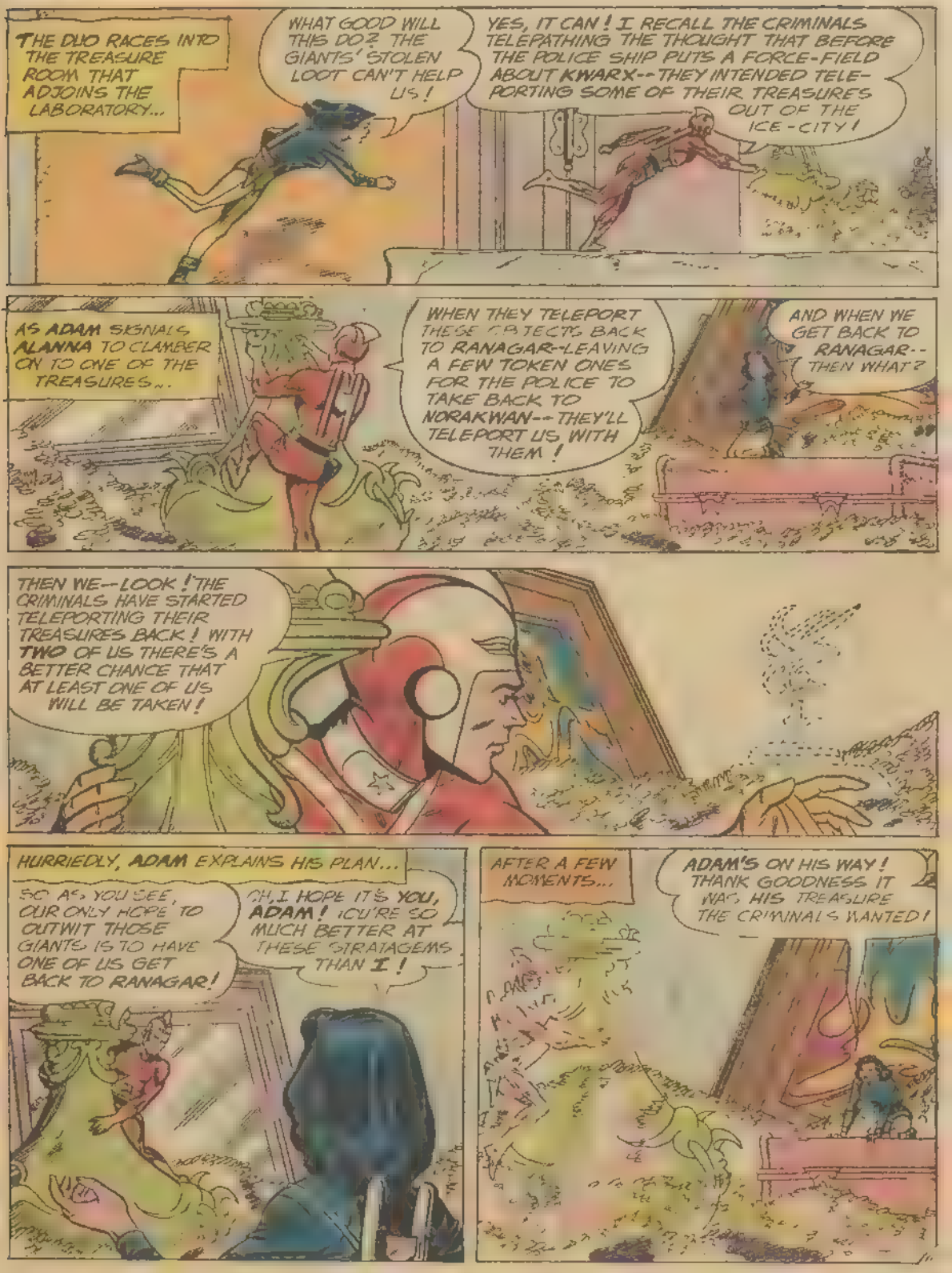
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO SAVE THEM?

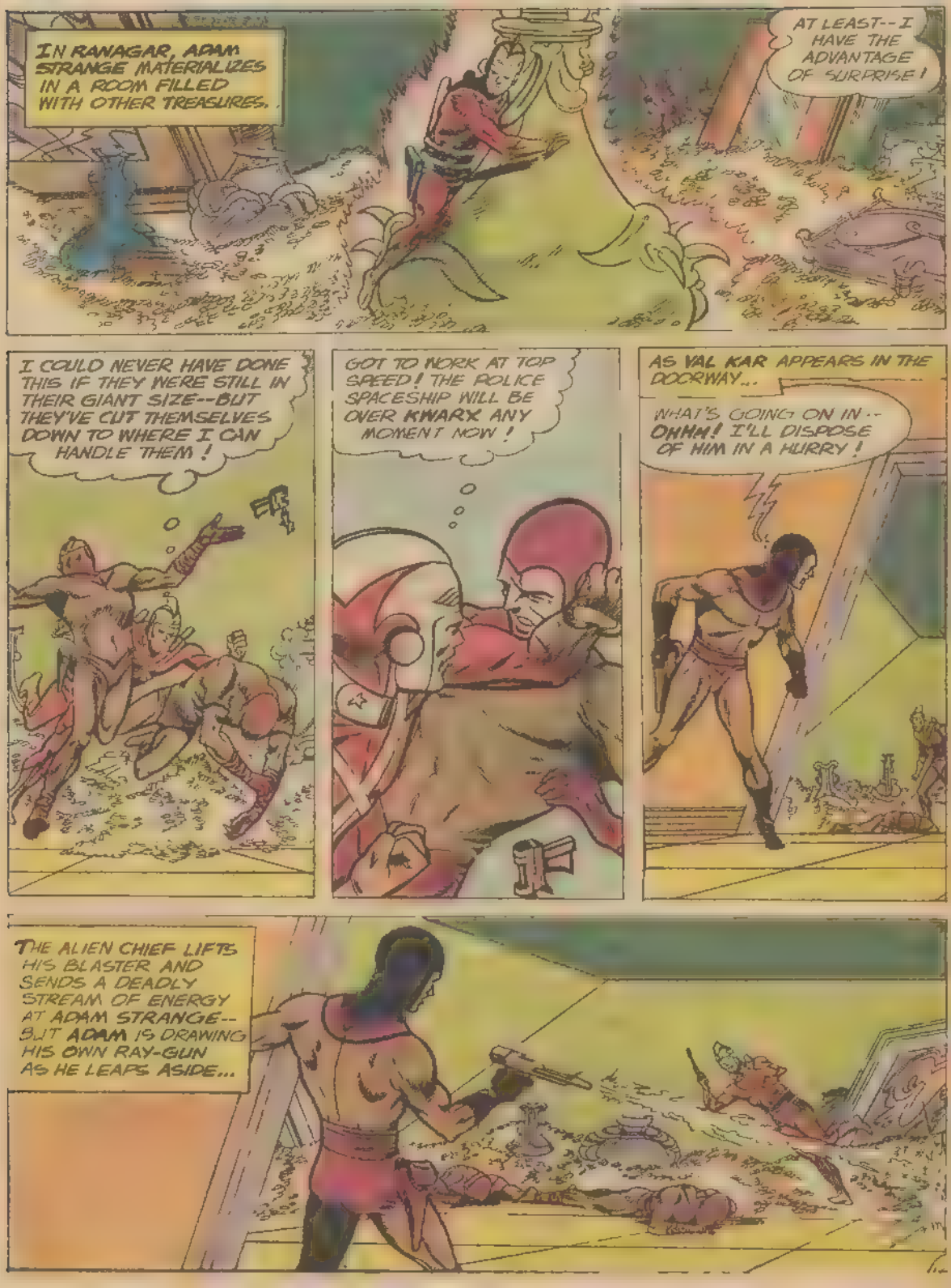
OUR BEST HOPE IS TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING IN THEIR LABORATORY! COME ON!

IN THE GIANTS' LABORATORY THEY ARE HORRIFIED TO SEE...

THAT MUST BE THE NORAKWAN POLICE SHIP -- APPROACHING RANN! IT'S TOO LATE! WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO SAVE MY PEOPLE!

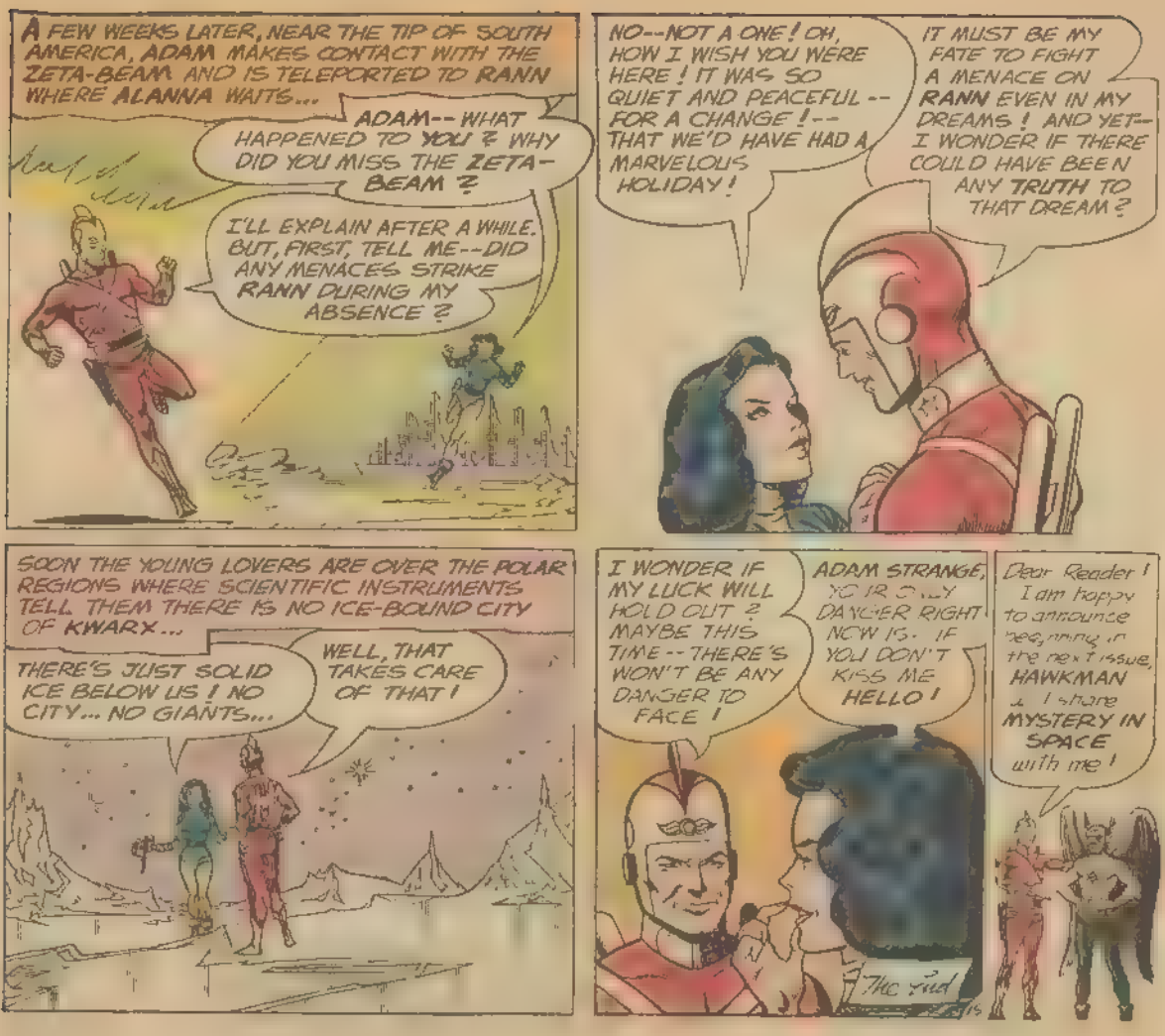
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE, ALANNA AS LONG AS WE'RE FREE! I THINK I'VE HIT ON SOMETHING THAT WILL GIVE US A CHANCE!


THE DUO RACES INTO THE TREASURE ROOM THAT ADJOINS THE LABORATORY...
WHAT GOOD WILL THIS DO? THE GIANTS' STOLEN LOOT CAN'T HELP US!
YES, IT CAN! I RECALL THE CRIMINALS TELEPATHING THE THOUGHT THAT BEFORE THE POLICE SHIP PUTS A FORCE-FIELD ABOUT KWARX--THEY INTENDED TELEPORTING SOME OF THEIR TREASURES OUT OF THE ICE-CITY!
AS ADAM SIGNALS, ALANNA TO CLAMBER ON TO ONE OF THE TREASURES..
WHEN THEY TELEPORT THESE OBJECTS BACK TO RANAGAR--LEAVING A FEW TOKEN ONES FOR THE POLICE TO TAKE BACK TO NORAKWAN--THEY'LL TELEPORT US WITH THEM!
AND WHEN WE GET BACK TO RANAGAR--THEN WHAT?
THEN WE--LOOK! THE CRIMINALS HAVE STARTED TELEPORTING THEIR TREASURES BACK! WITH TWO OF US THERE'S A BETTER CHANCE THAT AT LEAST ONE OF US WILL BE TAKEN!
HURRIEDLY, ADAM EXPLAINS HIS PLAN...
SO AS YOU SEE, OUR ONLY HOPE TO OUTWIT THOSE GIANTS IS TO HAVE ONE OF US GET BACK TO RANAGAR!
OH, I HOPE IT'S YOU, ADAM! YOU'RE SO MUCH BETTER AT THESE STRATAGEMS THAN I!
AFTER A FEW MOMENTS...
ADAM'S ON HIS WAY! THANK GOODNESS IT WAS HIS TREASURE THE CRIMINALS WANTED!


IN RANAGAR, ADAM STRANGE MATERIALIZES IN A ROOM FILLED WITH OTHER TREASURES.
AT LEAST--I HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE!
I COULD NEVER HAVE DONE THIS IF THEY WERE STILL IN THEIR GIANT SIZE--BUT THEY'VE CUT THEMSELVES DOWN TO WHERE I CAN HANDLE THEM!
GOT TO WORK AT TOP SPEED! THE POLICE SPACESHIP WILL BE OVER KWARX ANY MOMENT NOW!
AS VAL KAR APPEARS IN THE DOORWAY...
WHAT'S GOING ON IN -- OHMM! I'LL DISPOSE OF HIM IN A HURRY!
THE ALIEN CHIEF LIFTS HIS BLASTER AND SENDS A DEADLY STREAM OF ENERGY AT ADAM STRANGE-- BUT ADAM IS DRAWING HIS OWN RAY-GUN AS HE LEAPS ASIDE...

NEXT INSTANT A SEARING BEAM FROM THE EARTHMAN'S RAY-GUN MELTS THE WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF VAL KAR...
HIS FOLLOW-UP FIST STRIKES HARD AND FAST
WITHIN A MOMENT, HIS HANDS GRASP THE CONTROLS OF THE TELEPORTATIONAL DEVICE
GOT TO ACT FAST! LUCKILY I WATCHED WHAT VAL KAR DID WHEN HE TELEPORTED ALANNA AND ME TO KWARX!
AS THE MOTORS HUM TO LIFE HE PUSHES OVER THE MAIN CONTROL SWITCH
IT'S WORKING! VAL KAR IS DISAPPEARING--ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE ICE-CITY--ALONG WITH THE REST OF HIS PEOPLE!
SCANT SECONDS LATER
DARLING, YOU DID IT! YOU BROUGHT ME AND ALL MY PEOPLE BACK TO RANAGAR!

SHORTLY, HIGH ABOVE THE CITY OF KWARX...
WE'VE REMOVED THE STOLEN TREASURES--NOW WE'LL ENCASE THOSE CRIMINALS IN A FORCE-FIELD FROM WHICH THEY CAN NEVER ESCAPE!
BY SWIFT FLIER, ADAM AND ALANNA MEET WITH THE POLICE GIANTS, AND EXPLAIN WHAT HAS HAPPENED..
THE REST OF YOUR TREASURES ARE IN RANAGAR! WE'LL TURN THEM OVER TO YOU--
SUDDENLY, ALANNA CRIES OUT IN DISAPPOINTMENT AS...
OH, ADAM! YOU'RE FADING AWAY... RETURNING TO EARTH... AS THE ZETA-BEAM RADIATION WEARS OFF YOU!
AND WHEN ADAM DAZEDLY OPENS HIS EYES..
I'M JETTING ACROSS A SNOWFIELD--ON EARTH! BUT I ALWAYS MAKE A FOOT-LANDING ON EARTH WHEN I RETURN FROM RANN...
GLANCING AROUND HIM, HE SEES A POLARIS MISSILE SHREAKING INTO THE SKY...
THAT SAME MISSILE I SAW EARLIER--GOOD GOSH! WHY, THAT MUST MEAN I MISSED CONTACT WITH THE ZETA-BEAM! I NEVER LEFT EARTH--NEVER WAS TELEPORTED TO RANN! THAT EXPLAINS MY "IMPOSSIBLE LANDINGS" ON EARTH AND RANN! IT WAS ALL A DREAM TRIGGERED OFF BY THAT MISSILE BLAST!
THEN, JETTING NORTHWARD, TO AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEXT ZETA-BEAM...
THE POLARIS MISSILE MUST HAVE HIT ME A GLANCING BLOW AND SENT ME FLYING--UNCONSCIOUS--ACROSS THAT ICE-FIELD! AND MY DREAM--DURING WHICH I "LIVED" A COUPLE OF DAYS ON RANN--ACTUALLY LASTED ONLY A COUPLE OF MINUTES ON EARTH!


A FEW WEEKS LATER, NEAR THE TIP OF SOUTH AMERICA, ADAM MAKES CONTACT WITH THE ZETA-BEAM AND IS TELEPORTED TO RANN WHERE ALANNA WAITS...
ADAM--WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? WHY DID YOU MISS THE ZETA-BEAM?
I'LL EXPLAIN AFTER A WHILE. BUT, FIRST, TELL ME--DID ANY MENACES STRIKE RANN DURING MY ABSENCE?
NO--NOT A ONE! OH, HOW I WISH YOU WERE HERE! IT WAS SO QUIET AND PEACEFUL--FOR A CHANGE!--THAT WE'D HAVE HAD A MARVELOUS HOLIDAY!
IT MUST BE MY FATE TO FIGHT A MENACE ON RANN EVEN IN MY DREAMS! AND YET--I WONDER IF THERE COULD HAVE BEEN ANY TRUTH TO THAT DREAM?
SOON THE YOUNG LOVERS ARE OVER THE POLAR REGIONS WHERE SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS TELL THEM THERE IS NO ICE-BOUND CITY OF KWARX...
THERE'S JUST SOLID ICE BELOW US! NO CITY... NO GIANTS...
WELL, THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT!
I WONDER IF MY LUCK WILL HOLD OUT? MAYBE THIS TIME--THERE'S WON'T BE ANY DANGER TO FACE!
ADAM STRANGE, YOUR ONLY DANGER RIGHT NOW IS: IF YOU DON'T KISS ME HELLO!
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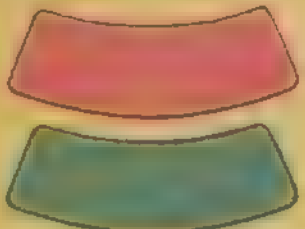

Answer:

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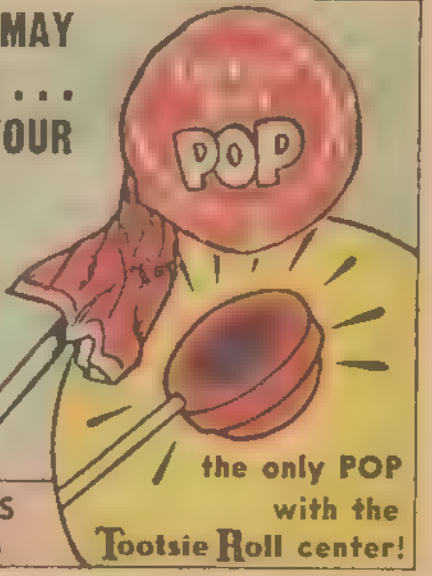
MEASURE THEM AND YOU WILL FIND . . .

YOUR EYES MAY PLAY TRICKS . . . BUT NOT YOUR TASTE!



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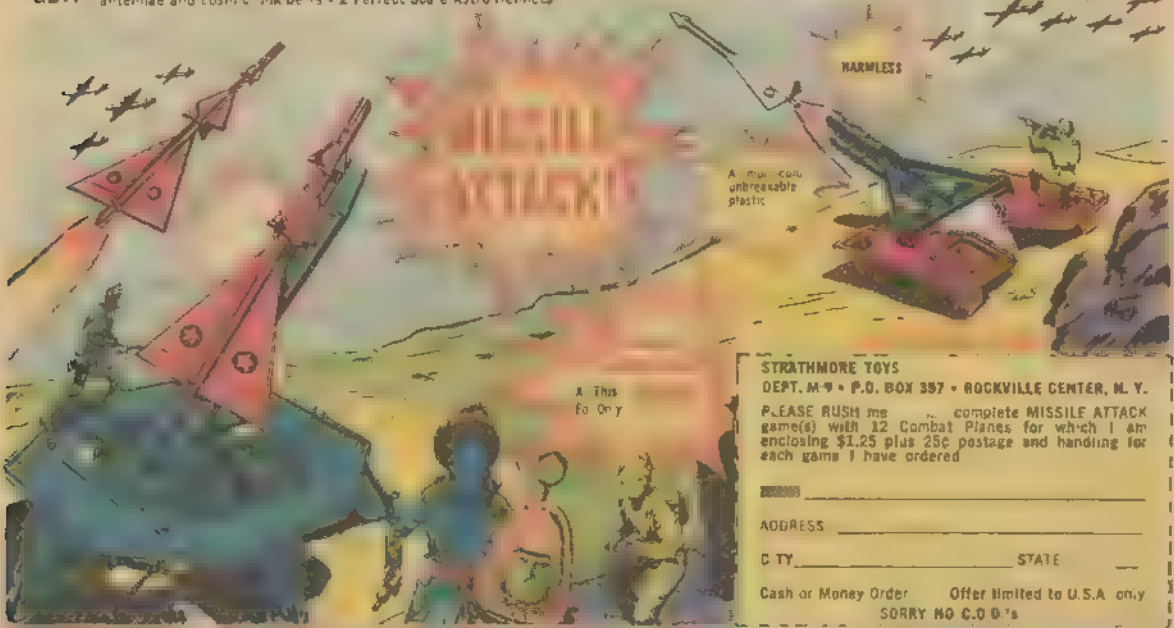

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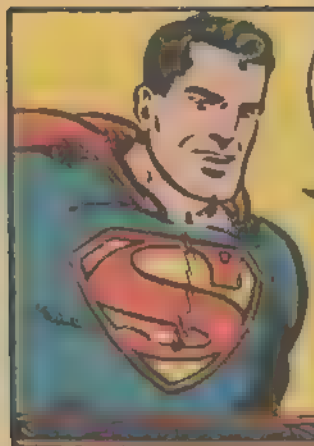

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Dear Editor: Having recently read your excellent story, "The Emotion-Master of Space," I feel I must write and express my opinions.

To begin with, this story contained one thing which always forms the solid foundation of a good plot: that is a quick interest-catcher in its initial stages. What did catch my attention was, naturally, the panels depicting *Adam's* arrival on *Rann*. It was quite shocking to see *Alanna* firing at *Adam*—trying to kill him.

From here on the plot developed exceedingly well. *Adam's* plans for destroying *Kalulla* plus his failures added variety to the story and also stressed the point that *Adam Strange* is merely human, who must often try many times before he can succeed in whatever he attempts.

As usual, Carmine Infantino's graceful and detailed lines composed artwork that is most beautiful to look at. I believe, however, that he really oudid himself in the first few panels of part two. The billows of color and the violent wind actually put the reader into the story—on a mad world racing through space at thousands of light years a second. Suddenly, then, complete calm could be felt in the next panel because of its simplicity.

Please continue publishing such excellent stories as this, and you'll have one contented reader in me.

Karen Kantor,
28040 Eldorado Pl., Lathrup Village, Mich.

(Such an emotional outburst in praise of this story makes us suspect that the *Emotion-Master of Space* trained his *emotionizer* on *you!—Editor*)

Dear Editor: I can't stand it any longer! Stop trying to kill off *Adam Strange!* I've watched you, watched you for three or four years now, watched you work fiendish plots for *Adam* to overcome.

You've tried to get *Adam* with intelligent tornadoes, vacuumizers, giant ray-guns—on one occasion he couldn't even trust his own shadow! And, oh yes, you've turned him to crystal, hunted him down by professional hunters *just for sport*, and even tortured him by making him choose between saving *Earth* or *Rann!*

But with the current May issue, you pushed me to words. First, an island attacks him; then *Alanna* tries to kill him (practically giving *Adam* a complex). Is this enough? No! You cloud his mind, making him defenseless, and move *Rann* to another star-sun, endangering the lives of billions. And to top it off a giant, platinum bird attacks *Rann!*

Why do you try to get rid of him? Did you know that we have laws for the likes of you? Now either you get to tell *Adam* that you are sorry you put him through so much trouble and that you won't do it again or I have my lawyers sue you for some original art. Put that in your smipe and poke it!

(Seriously, I like to watch *Adam* get into constant trouble. And the May issue was no exception. Keep up the excellent art, writing, etc.—and more of those swell *Star Rovers.*)

George Inzer, 4542 Crestmont Dr., Charlotte 5, N. C.

(The suspense in the *Adam Strange* yarns comes not so much from the array of menaces that beset him, but the clever stunts he thinks up to overcome them—a technique in which *Adam* has no peer in comics.—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor: I consider myself fortunate to be part of a vocal group called *Dante and the Evergreens.* As a group we have recorded songs like *Alley Oop, Time Machine* and *Miss America,* which have afforded us many thrills and opportunities to travel throughout the entire United States. When I am not singing with the group, I am an assistant coach and an art major in college.

To get to the point, I was introduced to *Mystery in Space* by a young friend that I met on a flight—and I am now fighting the guys in our group for reading time when I buy *Mystery in Space.*

I have never before written to any publication in my life, but when we all showed up to catch a plane with a copy of *Mystery in Space,* I was first primed toward writing you. This all took place in November, 1962, when *Adam Strange* was up against "The Metal Conqueror of Rann." Since then all your stories have been great.

I have checked to see if *Mystery in Space* was a monthly comic and noticed that only eight copies are published a year. My first reaction was disappointment, but my next was amazement at how you could turn out as many as eight such gripping stories a year.

Don Dante, 2129 34th St., Santa Monica, Cal.

(The least we can wish you is that each of your records sells as many copies as each issue of *Mystery in Space!—Editor*)

BOMBSHELL ANNOUNCEMENT! Starting with the next issue—and appearing regularly thereafter—will be a new series of stories starring HAWKMAN *the Winged Wonder!* A recent nation-wide poll elected him the favorite all-time comics hero!

This issue's award-winners: To Karen Kantor, the original artwork on "The Emotion-Master of Space"; George Inzer cops the cover for the May *MIS*; and Don Dante gets the manuscript of "The Emotion-Master of Space."

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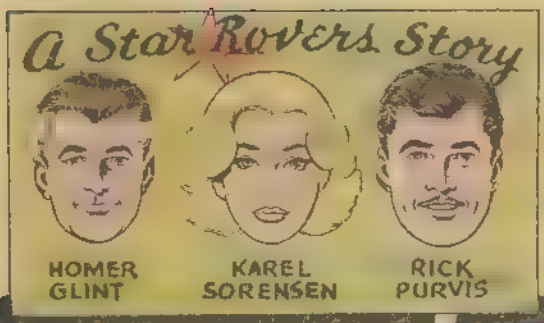

WAR HAD BEEN DECLARED BETWEEN THE PLANET ***ANKOL*** AND ***EARTH!*** TO ANSWER THAT CALL TO DUTY, THE ***STAR ROVERS*** RUSH HOME FROM THEIR FAR-FLUNG ADVENTURES ALONG THE SPACEWAYS -- ONLY TO SEE ***EARTH*** DISAPPEAR BEFORE THEIR VERY EYES! EACH ONE THINKS HE OR SHE HAS CAUSED THE CATACLYSM! THE ONLY WAY THEY WILL KNOW FOR SURE IS TO DETERMINE...

WHEN DID EARTH VANISH?

WILL KAREL MAKE THAT TRICK SHOT?

SHE BETTER-- OR THE ENTIRE EARTH WILL BE BLASTED OUT OF EXISTENCE!

SPEEDING THROUGH THE DEPTHS OF HYPER-SPACE IS A LONE SPACECRAFT. IN IT IS HOMER GLINT, WRITER AND HUNTER, RETURNING FROM HIS LATEST ADVENTURE...
I JUST HEARD THE NEWS THAT THE PLANET ANKOL HAS DECLARED WAR ON EARTH! I MUST OFFER MY SERVICES IN THE EMERGENCY!
AS IT PLUNGES OUT OF HYPER-SPACE IN THE VICINITY OF EARTH, THE SHIP SHAKES TO AN ODD VIBRATION AND...
KAAASSH
OHHH WHAT HAPPENED?
AN HOUR LATER, GLAMOR GIRL AND EXPERT MARKSMAN KAREL SORENSEN EXPERIENCES THE SAME TERRIBLE MOMENT...
MY SHARPSHOOTING ABILITY MAY HELP IN A WAR. I--OOOPS!
SIXTY MINUTES LATER, STAR athlete RICK PURVIS MEETS THE SAME FATE AS HIS FELLOW STAR ROVERS...
YIII! NO SOONER DO I EMERGE OUT OF HYPER-SPACE THAN--
WHEN THE TRIO OF STAR ROVERS STRUGGLES BACK TO CONSCIOUSNESS--EARTH IS GONE--BLOTTED FROM THE HEAVENS...
EARTH HAS DISAPPEARED--AND I KNOW WHY!
WHAT A TRAGEDY--AND I'M RESPONSIBLE!
GREAT STARS! WHAT HAVE I DONE?

KAREL! RICK! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT! WHEN EARTH VANISHED AT NOON—I MADE IT DO SO!

AT NOON? IT VANISHED AT ONE O'CLOCK! THAT'S WHEN MY SHIP'S CLOCK STOPPED! AND—I MADE IT DISAPPEAR, NOT YOU!

YOU'RE BOTH WRONG AS USUAL! IT WAS TWO O'CLOCK WHEN EARTH FADED OUT—PROVING IT WAS I WHO CAUSED THE TROUBLE!

OH, BOY! HERE WE GO AGAIN ON ONE OF OUR WILD AND WOOLY ADVENTURES

YES, BUT WHEN EARTH REALLY VANISHED WE'LL KNOW WHO THE REAL CULPRIT IS!

SMART THINKING, KAREL! GO IN AND DO YOUR START THE BALLISTICS

I WAS HUNTING ON A FOG-BOUND PLANET NAMED KRISSTHIN, WHICH IS THE HOME OF THE ELUSIVE BANIBEAR..."

"NOBODY'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE BANIBEAR TO SNAP ITS PICTURE—BUT WITH MY RADAR-CANE AND "FLYING CAMERA"—I HAVE HIGH HOPES.'

"THE FOG WAS SO DENSE THAT I HAD TO USE A RADAR CANE TO PICK ITS SAFE PATH FOR ME TO FOLLOW..."

THIS SLIDE LOOKING FOR A LONE PLANET IN A GALAXY OF A BILLION STARS.'

"THEN MY RADAR-CANE PICKED UP THE ELUSIVE ANIMAL...

THE BANIBEAR IS EQUIPPED SOMEWHAT LIKE THE AMERICAN RATTLESNAKE—WITH AN INFRA-RED SENSE ORGAN WHICH DETECTS TEMPERATURE CHANGES TO 1/1000 OF A DEGREE! SO AT THE APPROACH OF A WARM-BLOODED HUMAN, THE BANIBEAR FLEES...

MY FLYING CAMERA' WAS EQUIPPED WITH A MINIATURE SPACE WARPING DEVICE ENABLING ME TO SEND IT THROUGH HYPER SPACE INSTANTLY...'

WITHOUT HEAT IT WON'T ALARM THE BANIBEAR AND WILL SNAP ITS PICTURE!

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I WAS SO EXCITED BY MY SUCCESS, I LEFT ON THE SPACE-WARPING DEVICE OF MY CAMERA - SO WHEN I CAME OUT OF HYPER-SPACE AND INTO THE MAGNETIC FIELD OF EARTH, I MADE EARTH INTO A GIGANTIC WARPING MACHINE AND SHIFTED IT OUT OF NORMAL SPACE--AT EXACTLY NOON!
YOUR EVIDENCE IS ONLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL, HOMER! I HAVE PROOF POSITIVE!
GO ON, KAREL! I'LL PATIENTLY WAIT MY TURN!
"I WAS ON A PLANET OF THE STAR-SUN ALCRUX, TRYING TO SHOOT BIRDS NO ONE'S SUCCEEDED IN SHOOTING BEFORE..."
THERE ARE GAPS IN THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM HERE. BIRDS FLY FROM THEIR DIMENSION INTO OURS THEN BACK INTO THEIR OWN IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE!
"THOUGH THE BIRDS' INTRA-DIMENSIONAL FLIGHTS OCCUR FREQUENTLY, THEY'RE GONE BEFORE YOU CAN AIM PROPERLY..."
THERE'S ONE NOW--UHH, I MISSED!
"I SPENT THREE HOURS FIRING AND MISSING AS THE BIRDS CAME AND WENT WITH DIZZYING SPEED..."
OHHH--THIS IS SO ANNOYING!
"STUBBORNLY I KEPT AT IT, UNTIL..."
I GOT ONE--NO! ONLY ITS WING TIP!

"INSTANTLY MY SHOT BACKFIRED--REBOUNDING FROM THE BIRD TO ME! IT WAS SUCH A POWERFUL BACKLASH THAT IT KNOCKED ME UNCONSCIOUS!..."

LUCKY I DIDN'T SCORE A DIRECT HIT--OR I'D BE DEAD BY NOW--OHHHH!

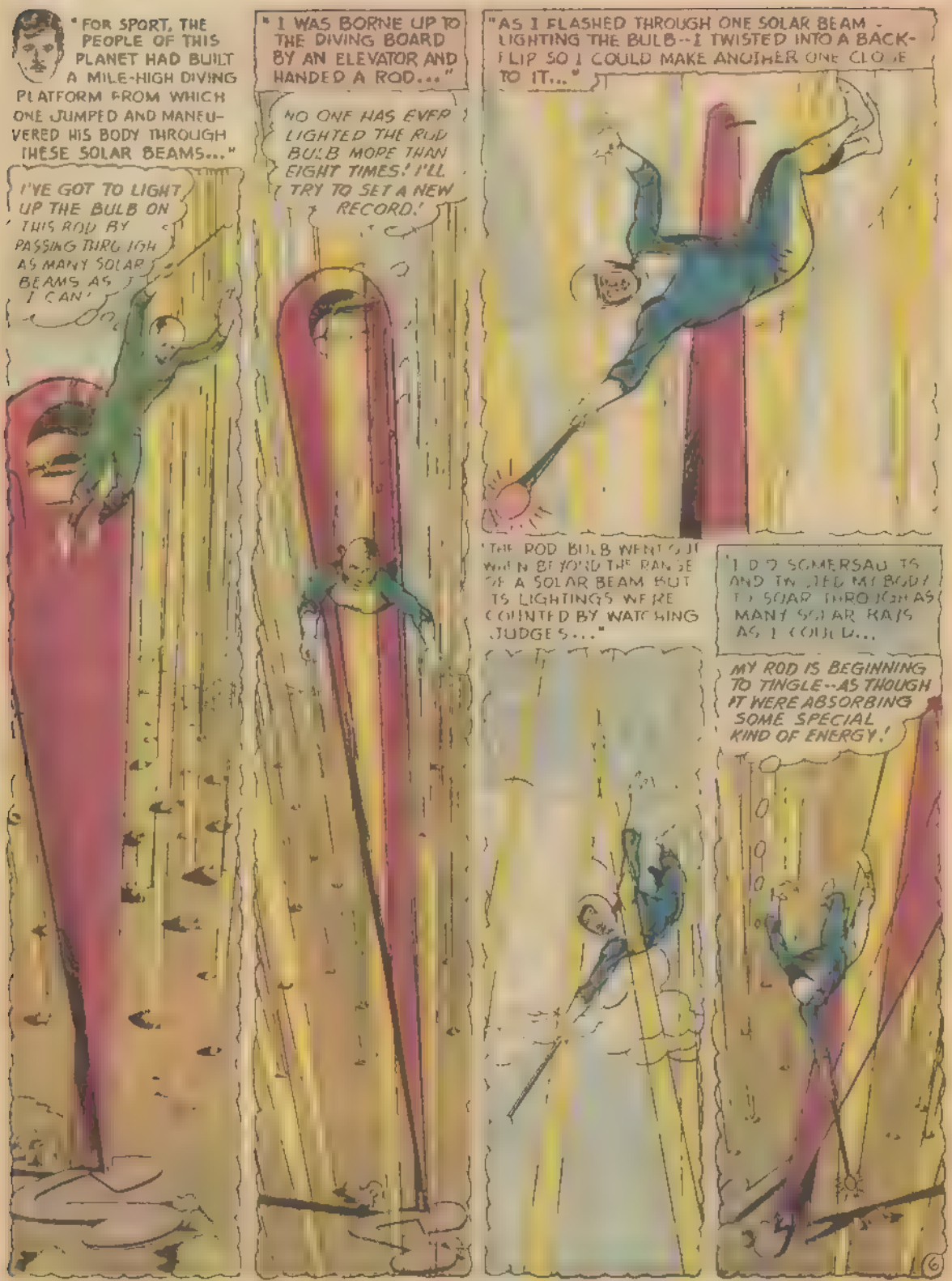
"JUST BEFORE I BLACKED OUT, I SAW THAT TERRIBLE ENERGY BOUNCE OFF ME--STRAIGHT BACK AT THE BIRD..."

"I'LL NEVER KNOW HOW LONG I LAY THERE, BUT WHEN I CAME TO, I FOUND THE BIRD STILL ALIVE--AND CARRIED IT OFF TO MY SHIP..."

I FEEL SO ODD--AS IF I WERE FILLED WITH THE DIMENSIONAL ENERGY I ABSORBED IN THE RECOIL SHOT FROM THE BIRD.

"FILLED WITH THAT DIMENSIONAL ENERGY--WHEN MY SPACE-SHIP AND I HIT THE *AURORA BOREALIS* HIGH ABOVE EARTH--IT ACTED AS A TITANIC GENERATOR SHIFTING EARTH INTO THE SAME DIMENSION AS THE BIRD..."

NICE TRY, *KAREL*--BUT YOU'RE AS INNOCENT AS HOMER! YOU SEE, I WAS ON A LIGHT-GRAVITY WORLD WITH AN INTERIOR SUN AT ITS CORE, A SMALL GLOWING STAR WHICH FURNISHED LIGHT AND HEAT TO ITS PLANET THROUGH SMALL ROUND HOLES IN ITS CRUST AT ONE SECTION.


"FOR SPORT, THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET HAD BUILT A MILE-HIGH DIVING PLATFORM FROM WHICH ONE JUMPED AND MANEUVERED HIS BODY THROUGH THESE SOLAR BEAMS..."
I'VE GOT TO LIGHT UP THE BULB ON THIS ROD BY PASSING THROUGH AS MANY SOLAR BEAMS AS I CAN!
"I WAS BORNE UP TO THE DIVING BOARD BY AN ELEVATOR AND HANDED A ROD..."
NO ONE HAS EVER LIGHTED THE ROD BULB MORE THAN EIGHT TIMES! I'LL TRY TO SET A NEW RECORD!
"AS I FLASHED THROUGH ONE SOLAR BEAM - LIGHTING THE BULB--I TWISTED INTO A BACK-FLIP SO I COULD MAKE ANOTHER ONE CLOSE TO IT..."
"THE ROD BULB WENT OUT WHEN BEYOND THE RANGE OF A SOLAR BEAM BUT ITS LIGHTINGS WERE COUNTED BY WATCHING JUDGES..."
"I DO SOMERSAULTS AND TWISTED MY BODY TO SOAR THROUGH AS MANY SOLAR RAYS AS I COULD...
MY ROD IS BEGINNING TO TINGLE--AS THOUGH IT WERE ABSORBING SOME SPECIAL KIND OF ENERGY!
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WHEN I WAS FINISHED I LEARNED I'D LIGHTED THE ROD A RECORD BREAKING TEN TIMES..."
WE MAKE A GIFT OF THE CORE-SETTING ROD TO YOU, RICK PURVIS, TO HANG IN YOUR TROPHY ROOM BACK HOME
"THUS IT WAS THE ROD FILLED WITH SOLAR ENERGY--THAT MADE EARTH VANISH AT TWO O'CLOCK WHEN I CAME OUT OF HYPER-SPACE..."
THERE'S A MINUTE OF SILENCE WHICH IS BROKEN AS ALL THREE STAR ROVERS BEGIN SPEAKING ALMOST AT ONCE!...
GREAT SCOTT! I JUST REALIZED NOT ONLY ARE YOU TWO WRONG BUT I MYSELF WAS WRONG ABOUT WHAT I THOUGHT HAPPENED!
WAIT! WAIT! I'M SURE YOU ARE ALL WRONG! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT REALLY HAPPENED
OBVIOUSLY THE
EARTH DIDN'T VANISH WE DID!
OF COURSE! THERE ARE NO STARS HERE AT ALL! WHICH MEANS WE EMERGED INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION!
AND THAT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT HERE WITH US!
LOOMING UP IN THE DIMENSION INTO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN THROWN, THE STAR ROVERS SEE A MIGHTY ANKOLIAN SPACE-BATTLESHIP...
IT'S GOING TO MAKE A SNEAK-ATTACK ON EARTH FROM OUT OF THIS DIMENSION.
THEN IT'S UP TO US TO STOP IT!
WE'RE READY AND WILLING BUT UNABLE. WE HAVE NO SPACE-CANNON OR ANY HAND-WEAPONS!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW I CAN USE MY FLYING CAMERA AS A "WEAPON"!
I'LL THROW MY DIMENSIONAL BIRD INTO THE FIGHT!
COUNT ME IN! I'M WILLING TO SACRIFICE MY SOLAR ROD!
AFTER PLANNING THEIR MOVES, RICK FIRES THE OPENING SHOT BY EJECTING HIS SOLAR ROD OUT INTO SPACE...
AT THE SAME MOMENT KAREL "FIRES" HER DIMENSIONAL BIRD -- WITH A MAGNET ATTACHED TO IT -- AT THE ENEMY SPACESHIP...
I HAVE TO TIME THIS SHOT JUST RIGHT! IF I MISS OR HIT THE BIRD AT THE WRONG ANGLE -- THAT ENEMY BATTLESHIP WILL DESTROY THE EARTH!
THEN KAREL JETS FORWARD AT AN ANGLE THAT WILL BRING HER DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE ROD AND THE BIRD...
SHE TRIGGERS HER RAY-GUN AND KEEPS ON GOING.
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST -- OR THE ELECTRICAL FEEDBACK WILL BLAST ME OUT OF EXISTENCE!

BEHIND HER--THE ELECTRONIC RAY HITS THE BIRD AND BUILDS UP AWESOME ENERGY...
INSTANTLY THAT DIMENSIONAL ENERGY REBOUNDS TOWARD THE ROD AND CAUSES IT TO GLOW WITH SOLAR FURY...
THEN--JUST AS IT DID ON THE PLANET WHERE KAREL WAS SHOOTING - THAT POWER IS TRANSMITTED BACK AT THE BIRD AND THE BATTLESHIP--CAUSING A SILENT CATACLYSM THAT PULVERIZES THE ENEMY SHIP TO DRIFTING POWDER...
GLINT
WITHIN MOMENTS KAREL AND ROCK ARE SAFELY INSIDE HOMER'S SHIP...
WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR SHIPS HERE IN THIS DIMENSIONAL-SPACE--BECAUSE THE SPACE-WARPING MECHANISM OF MY "FLYING CAMERA" IS ABLE TO WARP ONLY ONE VESSEL BACK INTO NORMAL SPACE!
AS HE THROWS OVER THE LEVER OF HIS CAMERA ATTACHMENT, HOMER GLINT'S SHIP SHUDDERS AND RETURNS TO NORMAL SPACE AND THE EARTH...
THE WRENCH THROUGH THE SPACE-WARP RUINED THE PICTURE OF MY BANIBEAR, BUT IT'S WORTH IT--TO COME HOME AGAIN!

AFTER THEY LAND AND EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED THEY LEARN WHAT ACTUALLY MADE THEM VANISH...

EARTH INVENTED A FORCE-FIELD SCREEN WHICH WOULD HURL ANYTHING TOUCHING IT --INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION! WHEN YOU THREE EMERGED FROM HYPER-SPACE, YOU RAN INTO IT AND WERE HURLED OUT OF NORMAL SPACE!

THE ENEMY LEARNED OF OUR FORCE-FIELD THROUGH THEIR SPY SYSTEM AND CONSTRUCTED A DEVICE ON THEIR BATTLESHIP THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO FIRE A TITANIC BOMB AT EARTH FROM WHATEVER DIMENSION THE BATTLE SHIP WOULD BE THROWN!

THEIR SHIP MUST HAVE BEEN THROWN INTO THAT DIMENSION SHORTLY AFTER YOU WERE! LUCKILY FOR EARTH, YOU WERE THERE TO STOP THEM--AND WIN A GREAT VICTORY FOR US!

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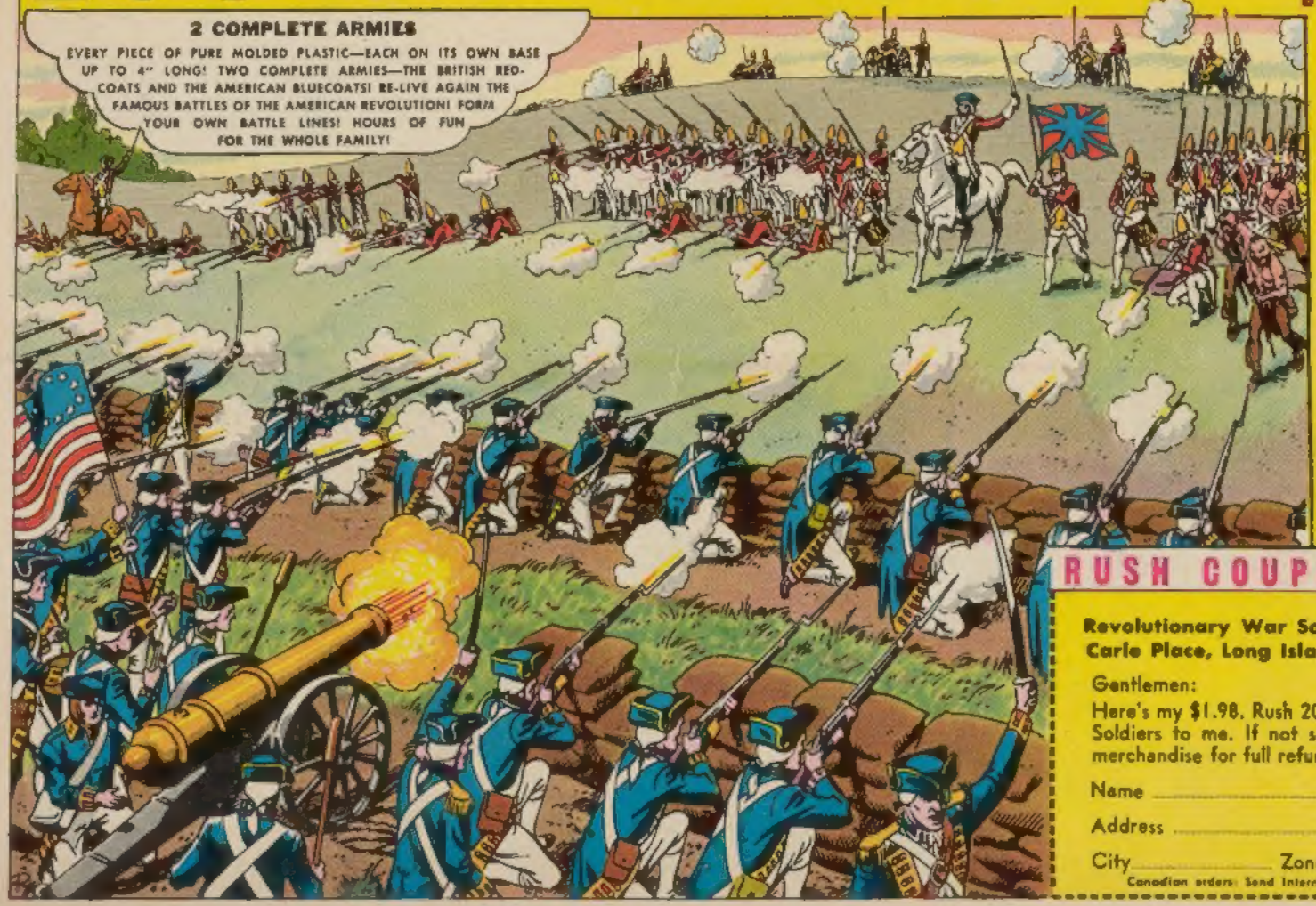

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